Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2015

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 9th to 15th, 2015, there were 578,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 3,400 from July 2015 and 1,600 more than the number employed in August 2014.

Agricultural employment was 42,000 persons in August 2015, down 300 from the July 2015 level and 6,500 less than the August 2014 agricultural employment level of 48,500. Non-agricultural employment was 536,700 persons in August 2015. This is an increase of 3,700 from the July 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 533,000 and 8,100 more than August 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2015 was 6.0 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the July 2015 rate of 5.4 percent and 0.8 percentage points higher than the August 2014 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 7,200 to 615,500 persons in August 2015 from 608,300 persons in July 2015. This is 6,700 more than the August 2014 labour force of 608,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.7 percentage points to 71.3 percent in August 2015 from 70.6 percent in July 2015. The August 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.3 percent.

There were 36,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2015. This is an increase of 3,800 from July 2015 and is 5,100 more than the number unemployed in August 2014.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 572,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2015, up 4,000 from the July 2015 level of 568,700 and is up 1,500 from the August 2014 employment level of 571,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2015 was 4.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the July 2015 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the August 2014 rate of4.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 11,500 persons in August 2015 to 18,228,800 persons from 18,240,300 persons in July 2015. In August 2014, there were 18,037,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points in August 2015 to 7.5 percent from the July 2015 level of 7.1 percent. In August 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in August 2015. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than July 2015 and remained unchanged from the August 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,708.8	19,628.7	19,497.1	80.1	211.7
Employed ('000)	18,228.8	18,240.3	18,037.8	-11.5	191.0
Full-Time ('000)	15,255.6	15,190.1	14,938.8	65.5	316.8
Part-Time ('000)	2,973.3	3,050.1	3,099.1	-76.8	-125.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,479.9	1,388.4	1,459.3	91.5	20.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.1	7.5	0.4	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.0	67.2	0.2	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	615.5	608.3	608.8	7.2	6.7
Employed ('000)	578.7	575.3	577.1	3.4	1.6
Full-Time ('000)	485.8	481.3	496.4	4.5	-10.6
Part-Time ('000)	92.9	94.0	80.7	-1.1	12.2
Unemployed ('000)	36.8	33.0	31.7	3.8	5.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.4	5.2	0.6	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.7	5.2	4.1	-0.5	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	70.6	71.3	0.7	0.0
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Labour Force ('000)	2,488.4	2,483.1	2,424.3	5.3	64.1
Employed ('000)	2,324.9	2,325.8	2,285.6	-0.9	39.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,991.5	1,985.2	1,945.2	6.3	46.3
Part-Time ('000)	333.4	340.6	340.4	-7.2	-7.0
Unemployed ('000)	163.5	157.3	138.7	6.2	24.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.3	5.7	0.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.0	5.2	0.0	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	73.9	73.9	73.6	0.0	0.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	686.9	679.4	675.2	7.5	11.7
Employed ('000)	638.4	636.1	630.3	2.3	8.1
Full-Time ('000)	528.6	524.9	521.5	3.7	7.1
Part-Time ('000)	109.8	111.3	108.8	-1.5	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	48.6	43.3	44.9	5.3	3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.4	6.6	0.7	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.6	5.5	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	68.8	69.0	0.7	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	615.5	608.3	608.8	7.2	6.7
Male	335.2	333.8	335.8	1.4	-0.6
Female	280.3	274.5	273.0	5.8	7.3
15-24 Years of Age	101.8	103.9	103.8	-2.1	-2.0
25+ Years of age	513.7	504.4	505.1	9.3	8.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	578.7	575.3	577.1	3.4	1.6
Male	316.0	315.8	321.5	0.2	-5.5
Female	262.8	259.5	255.6	3.3	7.2
15-24 Years of Age	92.1	94.5	95.3	-2.4	-3.2
25+ Years of age	486.7	480.7	481.8	6.0	4.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	36.8	33.0	31.7	3.8	5.1
Male	19.3	18.0	14.3	1.3	5.0
Female	17.5	15.0	17.4	2.5	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	9.4	8.5	0.4	1.3
25+ Years of age	27.0	23.6	23.3	3.4	3.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.0	5.4	5.2	0.6	0.8
Male	5.8	5.4	4.3	0.4	1.5
Female	6.2	5.5	6.4	0.7	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.6	9.0	8.2	0.6	1.4
25+ Years of age	5.3	4.7	4.6	0.6	0.7
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.3	70.6	71.3	0.7	0.0
Male	77.1	76.8	78.1	0.3	-1.0
Female	65.5	64.2	64.4	1.3	1.1
15-24 Years of Age	74.6	76.1	74.9	-1.5	-0.3
25+ Years of age	70.7	69.5	70.6	1.2	0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.0	42.3	48.5	-0.3	-6.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.6	25.7	28.8	-0.1	-3.2
Utilities	7.0	7.3	6.2	-0.3	0.8
Construction	58.9	57.7	61.1	1.2	-2.2
Manufacturing	27.4	27.2	29.5	0.2	-2.1
Trade	85.7	85.8	83.9	-0.1	1.8
Transportation and Warehousing	30.4	30.1	28.9	0.3	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.3	30.3	31.8	1.0	-0.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.7	24.9	26.6	0.8	-0.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.1	15.5	11.9	-0.4	3.2
Educational Services	33.0	32.1	34.8	0.9	-1.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	80.2	79.6	72.9	0.6	7.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.0	20.5	17.6	-0.5	2.4
Accommodation and Food Services	40.6	39.5	37.3	1.1	3.3
Other Services	27.0	27.9	24.9	-0.9	2.1
Public Administration	28.8	28.9	32.5	-0.1	-3.7
Total	578.7	575.3	577.1	3.4	1.6
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	485.8	481.3	496.4	4.5	-10.6
Part-Time	92.9	94.0	80.7	-1.1	12.2
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	474.9	473.2	462.1	1.7	12.8
Public Sector	130.9	130.8	136.0	0.1	-5.1
Private Sector	344.0	342.4	326.1	1.6	17.9
Self-Employed	103.9	102.0	115.0	1.9	-11.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,228.8	18,240.3	18,037.8	-11.5	191.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	250.8	251.9	246.9	-1.1	3.9
Prince Edward Island	77.2	76.9	79.8	0.3	-2.6
Nova Scotia	460.9	463.7	459.1	-2.8	1.8
New Brunswick	363.3	359.4	367.0	3.9	-3.7
Quebec	4,158.7	4,188.2	4,122.8	-29.5	35.9
Ontario	7,038.2	7,033.1	6,973.5	5.1	64.7
Manitoba	638.4	636.1	630.3	2.3	8.1
Saskatchewan	578.7	575.3	577.1	3.4	1.6
Alberta	2,324.9	2,325.8	2,285.6	-0.9	39.3
British Columbia	2,337.7	2,329.7	2,295.6	8.0	42.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.5	7.1	7.5	0.4	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.0	10.5	12.3	0.5	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	8.5	9.6	7.3	-1.1	1.2
Nova Scotia	8.5	7.8	8.7	0.7	-0.2
New Brunswick	9.8	10.8	9.1	-1.0	0.7
Quebec	8.2	7.5	7.8	0.7	0.4
Ontario	7.6	7.1	8.1	0.5	-0.5
Manitoba	7.1	6.4	6.6	0.7	0.5
Saskatchewan	6.0	5.4	5.2	0.6	0.8
Alberta	6.6	6.3	5.7	0.3	0.9
British Columbia	6.3	6.2	6.5	0.1	-0.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,966.0	17,954.0	17,772.7	12.0	193.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	239.6	236.5	236.9	3.1	2.7
Prince Edward Island	72.2	72.2	74.4	0.0	-2.2
Nova Scotia	447.7	449.5	446.7	-1.8	1.0
New Brunswick	349.9	347.5	352.9	2.4	-3.0
Quebec	4,095.2	4,097.2	4,055.2	-2.0	40.0
Ontario	6,941.8	6,945.7	6,877.9	-3.9	63.9
Manitoba	635.0	632.3	626.4	2.7	8.6
Saskatchewan	572.7	568.7	571.2	4.0	1.5
Alberta	2,302.9	2,298.2	2,261.9	4.7	41.0
British Columbia	2,309.1	2,306.0	2,269.2	3.1	39.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	6.8	7.0	0.2	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.5	11.9	12.6	-0.4	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	10.8	11.6	9.4	-0.8	1.4
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.1	8.6	0.3	-0.2
New Brunswick	10.1	11.0	9.3	-0.9	0.8
Quebec	8.0	7.7	7.7	0.3	0.3
Ontario	6.8	6.4	7.3	0.4	-0.5
Manitoba	5.7	5.6	5.5	0.1	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.7	5.2	4.1	-0.5	0.6
Alberta	6.0	6.0	5.2	0.0	0.8
British Columbia	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.7	6.4	6.6	0.3	0.1
Halifax	5.8	6.3	6.3	-0.5	-0.5
Saint John	9.3	9.0	8.0	0.3	1.3
Quebec	4.9	3.9	5.6	1.0	-0.7
Montreal	9.1	8.9	8.6	0.2	0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.0	6.7	7.4	0.3	-0.4
Toronto	7.5	7.3	9.2	0.2	-1.7
Greater Sudbury	7.2	7.7	6.6	-0.5	0.6
Winnipeg	6.4	6.1	6.5	0.3	-0.1
Regina	4.5	4.3	3.8	0.2	0.7
Saskatoon	6.1	5.9	4.5	0.2	1.6
Calgary	7.1	7.0	5.5	0.1	1.6
Edmonton	5.8	5.9	5.5	-0.1	0.3
Vancouver	5.8	6.0	5.9	-0.2	-0.1
Victoria	6.0	5.5	6.0	0.5	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.2	185.7	183.4	-0.5	1.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.8	54.8	53.6	-1.0	0.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	201.6	199.8	201.5	1.8	0.1
Yorkton-Melville	37.5	38.3	39.4	-0.8	-1.9
Prince Albert & Northern	103.0	103.7	100.9	-0.7	2.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	613.1	612.7	602.9	0.4	10.2
Employed ('000)	581.4	582.1	578.3	-0.7	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	31.8	30.6	24.6	1.2	7.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.0	4.1	0.2	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	71.2	70.7	-0.1	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.6	67.8	-0.2	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	560.9	561.2	553.8	-0.3	7.1
Employed ('000)	536.3	537.1	535.0	-0.8	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	24.1	18.8	0.5	5.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.3	3.4	0.1	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.5	71.6	71.3	-0.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	68.5	68.9	-0.1	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	52.2	51.5	49.1	0.7	3.1
Employed ('000)	45.0	45.0	43.3	0.0	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	7.2	6.5	5.8	0.7	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	12.5	11.8	1.3	2.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	66.6	64.5	0.8	2.9
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	58.3	56.9	-0.2	1.2
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Labour Force ('000)	19.5	18.7	18.4	0.8	1.1
Employed ('000)	15.1	14.8	15.4	0.3	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	3.8	2.9	0.6	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.6	20.5	15.9	2.1	6.7
Participation Rate (%)	59.7	57.2	57.1	2.5	2.6
Employment Rate (%)	46.2	45.5	48.0	0.7	-1.8
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	32.3	32.5	30.4	-0.2	1.9
Employed ('000)	29.6	29.9	27.7	-0.3	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.6	2.7	0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.9	8.9	0.3	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.8	73.3	69.7	-0.5	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	67.5	63.5	-0.7	3.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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